

Marks awarded 2008 Webster County High School Hall of Fame Alumni Award

Office of Career and Technical Education Executive Director John Marks was presented the 2008 Webster County High School Hall of Fame Alumni Award during commencement ceremonies on Friday, May 30. Approximately 1,800 people were in attendance.

Webster County School Board Chairman Jim Nance, who is also a retired welding instructor, was the driving force behind the nomination.

“This award is presented annually to a Webster County High School graduate,” said Nance. “I have known and respected John for years. We taught together and I personally saw how much he cared for students. He works hard and has achieved many successes. I thought he was very deserving of this award because of what he has accomplished in career and technical education – both here and outside of Webster County.”



Photo (l to r): Chairman Jim Nance congratulates John Marks for his achievement.

Marks and Nance were colleagues at the Webster County Area Technology Center. Originally hired as an electricity instructor at the ATC, Marks began teaching in August 1984. He worked in that capacity for six and a half years before moving his family to Frankfort to accept the position of State VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) director and industrial education program consultant.

Over the past 23 years, Marks has held a variety of career and technical education positions in both the OCTE and Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

To pull off the award, Nance contacted Webster Co. ATC Principal Lawrence Garrity to help coordinate details with the high school selection committee.

“John Marks has had a tremendous influence and impact on technical education during his career,” says Garrity. “We were excited when he was nominated for this award because he has been a former instructor, State VICA director, consultant, branch manager, Tech Prep director, service area coordinator, principal, KCTCS campus director, division director and he now serves as the executive director of the Kentucky Office of Career and Technical Education.”

Photo: Marks during acceptance speech.

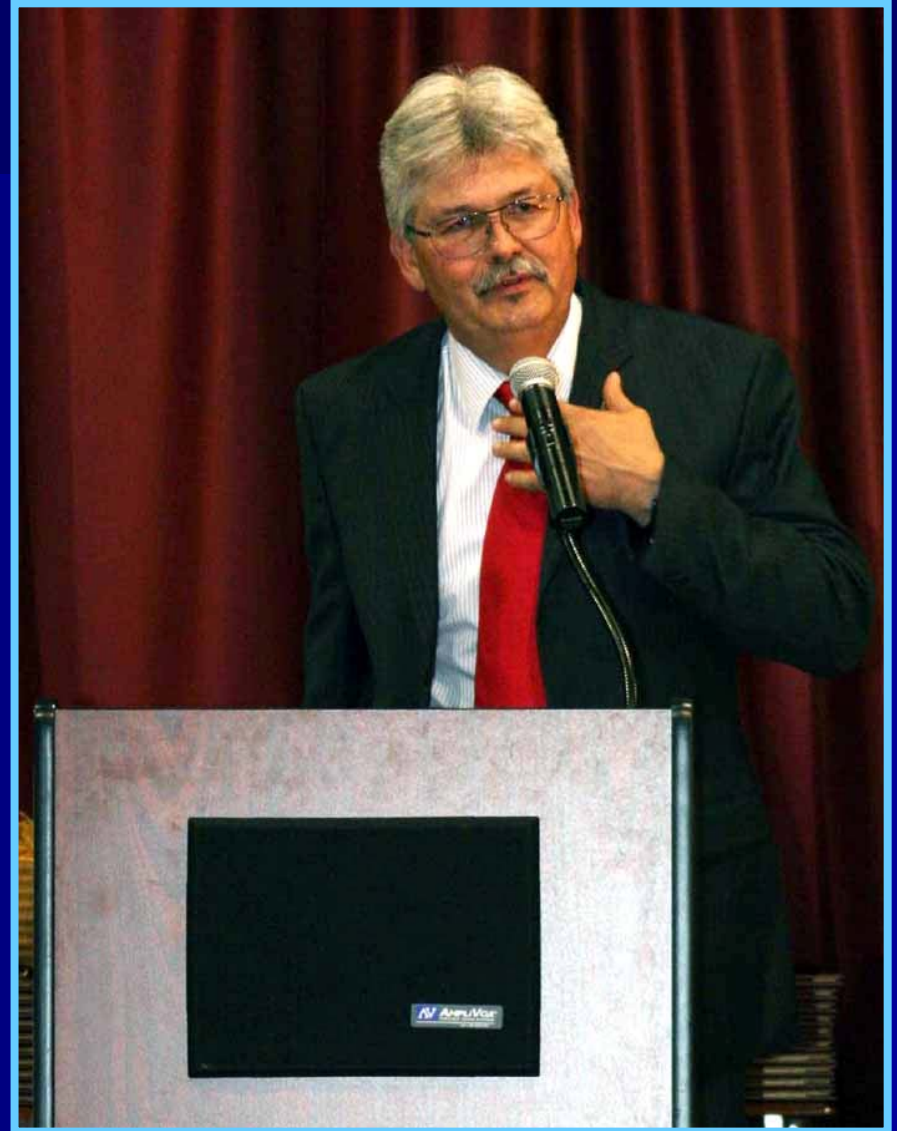
Marks:

“This award has special meaning to me and my family and I was extremely honored to receive this recognition.

“My years at Webster County, both growing up and as a teacher, were the best years of my life.

“I want to thank Mr. Jim Nance, Larry Garrity and the committee for their support in my selection.”

Marks has been married to his wife Pam for 37 years. They have two sons, Chandler, 22, a University of Louisville political science graduate and Walker, 18, a 2008 Anderson County High School graduate who plans to attend the University of Louisville in the fall.



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